

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

Situation: The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet Monday, September 8, 2003 to develop recommendations on the following agenda items:

- B.3 Council Input into NOAA Fisheries Constituent Survey
- E.1 Update on Marine Reserves Issues
- E.2 Marine Reserves in the Federal Waters Portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
- C.9 Groundfish Bycatch Program Environmental Impact Statement

The HC will receive a presentation by Dr. Ian Fleming of Oregon State University discussing the effects of salmon net pens on Council-managed species. The HC will also hear updates on Klamath River flows and habitat mapping efforts.

In addition, the Council received a form-letter response from the Grant County Public Utility District regarding the Council's July 7 comments on the Priest Rapids license application. The letter is attached (Exhibit D.1, Attachment 1).

The HC's complete agenda is provided in Ancillary D.

Council Action:

1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC at the September meeting.

Reference Materials:

Exhibit D.1, Attachment 1. Letter from Grant County Public Utility District acknowledging comments from the Council.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Report of the HC
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider HC Recommendations

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Exhibit D.1
Attachment 1
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August 4, 2003

Dear Priest Rapids Project Relicensing Stakeholder:

Grant County Public Utility District has received your comments on our Draft Application to License the Priest Rapids Project. We will give them all careful consideration and they will be included in the record of public consultation provided to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) when we file our Final License Application in October of this year.

We appreciate the fact that you took the time to prepare comments, and we hope that you will stay involved and continue to make your voice heard as the process moves forward. Once the Final Application is accepted by FERC, another round of comment and environmental review will begin.

To stay involved and informed, please visit the Relicensing section of our website or contact the Relicensing Hotline at 1-800-894-6960.

Sincerely,

Vera Claussen
President
Grant County PUD Board of Commissioners

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington